

INCIDENT DATA

PROPERTY

INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT

Port St. Lucie Police Department

Case # 2015-17616

| Status Codes L = Lost S = Stolen R = Recovered D = Damaged Z = Seized B = Burned C = Counterfeit / Forged F = Found | | | | | | |
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| D R U G S | UCR | Status | Quantity | Type Measure | Suspected Type | Up to 3 types of activity |
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Assisting Officers
HENKEL, T. (854), CONNOR, M. (2605), PAPALEO, D. (3743), YEBBA, R. (3863)

Suspect Hate / Bias Motivated: *None*

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NARRATIVE

REPORTING OFFICER NARRATIVE

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| | | OCA 2015-17616 |
| Victim SIMON, STACEY NICOLE | Offense ORDINANCE VIOLATION | Date / Time Reported Fri 08/21/2015 00:00 |

On 8/21/2015 at approximately 0000 hours, I was dispatched to 638 SW Todd Ave in reference to a possible civil matter. Officer D. Papaleo #697 arrived and met with the caller Stacey Simon.

Stacey told me the following: She is in a program ran through Good Samaritan Ministries and has been staying at various houses in their program for the past 16 months. The house is a "ministry home" and the program is to assist those who need help such as homeless, or those dealing with substance abuse, addiction, etc... She has been staying at the home for 2 months, and in lieu of paying any rent, she works at the office to assist with intake of new people. She also will drive other residents of the home around as she has a valid license. Earlier today a dispute started because she broke a Ministry rule and started talking to another man in the program. She also had a cellphone with her, and "Pastor Vito" who is the head of the ministry was angry. She wanted to leave in the morning, but she was told she had to leave the house immediately. She called 911 because she was afraid he was going to come to the house and kick her out.

The head of Good Samaritan Ministries, Vitangelo "Pastor Vito" Bitetto arrived. Both parties began to argue back and forth, and we had to separate them in order to prevent a disturbance.

Vitangelo said the following: He has rules in place for all members of his ministry. Part of the rules is no cellphones without permission, and no speaking to other men in the ministry. Because Stacey violated his rules, he wanted Stacey to give up her cellphone. Because she refused to give up the cellphone, he wanted her to leave the home immediately.

Vitangelo was agitated and argumentative. When Officer Papaleo and myself were trying to speak to him he would yell and interrupt us. He said that we are taking her side and aren't helping them. He said because of her actions he would need to close the entire ministry down. He would argue with us and Stacey.

He made statements that Stacey "Owes me back rent, but that's beside the point."

Sergeant T. Henkel #290 came to the scene per my request so it could be explained to Vitangelo about the situation. When we asked about rent, he changed his story at one point and said "It's a program, I don't charge rent." He claimed there was a written agreement in lieu of rent, a member of his ministry could perform other services for being a part of the program.

We explained to all parties that this was a civil matter, and explained to Vitangelo that because Stacey is contributing to the house by providing her services for the household and ministry in lieu of money, this was a landlord tenant issue. All parties were referred to civil court, and the process of how to file an eviction was explained to Vitangelo.

It should be noted that Good Faith Ministries has been investigated by myself and Code Compliance for ordinance violations relating to housing ordinances for a single family home. I also observed no fire suppression system or alarms inside the residence at one point when I spoke with Stacey. Stacey said that there were at least 7 to 8 adult females and two children living in the home at the time.

Peace was restored, and Stacey agreed that she would leave in the morning. This information was forwarded to code enforcement as well.